PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE. Hon. DAVID R. ATCHISON, President pro tempor called the Senate to order, and the roll having been called, the following Senators appeared to be present: New Hampshire-Moses Norris. Massachusetts—Edward Everett, Charles Sumner.

Rhode Island—Philip Allen, Charles T. James.

onnecticut-Truman Smith Vermont—Solomon Foot. New York—Hamilton Fish, W. H. Seward. New Jersey-John R. Thompson, Wm. Wright. Pennsylvania-Richard Brodhead, James Cooper Delaware-James A. Bayard, John M. Clayton.

Maryland-James A. Pearce, Thomas G. Pratt. irginia-R. M. T. Hunter, James M. Mason. North Carolina—George E. Badger. South Carolina—Josiah J. Evans. Georgia-Wm. C. Dawson. Kentucky-John B. Thompson.

-John Bell.

Ohio-Salmon P. Chase, Benjamin Wade. Louisiana-Judah P. Benjamin, John Slidell. Indiana-Jesse D. Bright, John Pettit. Mississippi-Stephen Adams. -Stephen A. Douglas, James Shields Maine-Hannibal Hamlin. Missouri-David R. Atchison Arkansas-Robert W. Johnson Michigan—Lewis Cass, Charles E. Stuart.

Iowa—Augustus C. Dodge, George W. Jones.

Wisconsin—Henry Dodge.

California—Wm. M. Gwin, John B. Weller.

The PRESIDENT presented the credentials of the Hor ROBERT W. JOHNSON, appointed by the Governor of Ar-kansas a Senator from that State to fill the vacancy occasioned by the acceptance by the Hon. Solon Borland of the mission to Central America. The credentials were read; and Mr. Johnson, having

taken the oath prescribed by law, took his seat in the Mr. JAMES presented the credentials of the Hon. PHI LIF ALLEN, chosen by the Legislature of Rhode Island a Senator from that State for the term of six years from

the 4th of March last. The credentials were read; and Mr. ALLEN, having taken the oath prescribed by law, took his seat in the

Mr. DAWSON. I beg leave to present the credentials of the Hon. John Ball, Senator elect from the State of Tennessee for the term of six years from the 4th of March, 1853. I do this in consequence of the absence of his col league, (Mr. Jones.)
The credentials were read; and Mr. Bell, having taken

the oath prescribed by law, took his seat in the Senate.
Mr. BENJAMIN. Mr. President, the Hon. John Sliter has been elected by the Legislature of Louisiana to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Soule. He has not yet received his credentials. I presume, however, there will be no objection to his being The PRESIDENT. If there be no objection the Chair

will administer the oath of office to the Hon. John Str. DELL of Louisiana. There being no objection, the oath prescribed by law was administered to Mr. SLIDELL, and he took his seat i

the Senate. On motion of Mr. BRODHEAD, it was ordered that the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that sequerum of the Senate has assembled, and the Senate is

ready to proceed to business.
On motion of Mr. BADGER, it was ordered that the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock M. until otherwise ordered.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. BRODHEAD gave notice of his intention to intro duce a bill extending the provisions of the several laws granting bounty land to the officers and soldiers who have een engaged in the military service of the United States. Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill granting to the State of Iowa certain al ternate sections of public lands for the construction of railroads therein.

Also, a bill to organize a territorial government for the Mr. JONES, of Iowa, gave notice of his intention introduce a bill making donations of public lands to the State of Iowa for the construction of one or more railroads in that State, between the Mississippi and Missouri

Mr. GWIN gave notice of his intention to ask leave to introduce the following bills:
A bill to establish a line of mail steamers from San Francisco, in California, via the Sandwich Islands, to Shanghai, in China.

A bill to authorize the appointment of a United State district judge for the southern district of California, and for other purposes. A bill to pay the expenses incurred by the State of

Mr. RADGER. Mr. President, I desire to submi resolution: Ordered, That the members of the Senate shall, from th

commencement of the present session, be supplied with fiv-daily papers, or publications equivalent thereto, in lieu of the number heretofore ordered.

The object is. Mr. President, merely to add one dail paper to those that are now allowed to the members of the

The resolution was agreed to. THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Mr. SEWARD submitted the following resolution for

consideration, which lies over under the rules Resolved, That the President be requested, if not in his opinion incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate any correspondence that may have taken place between the Government of the United States and his Majesty the King of the Sandwich Islands. Mr. HAMLIN. It seems to me that there would b

propriety in allowing the resolution to lie over until the appropriate committee to which the subject should be eferred shall be appointed. I desire to inquire wha would be the appropriate reference for the subject ?

Mr. FISH. The resolution proposes the appointment

of a select committee. I am not aware of any standing committee to which the subject could be appropriately referred. It is a subject of vast and vital importance Vessels are arriving with a thousand passengers a day at a single port, almost entirely decimated on the voyage by the prevailing sickness. There should be no delay, but prompt action. I desire to have the subject taken up and

considered as soon as possible.

Sevaral Senators, without expressing any objection to the resolution, having suggested that it would be better to have the President's message before proceeding with

The resolution was laid over under the rule APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAINS.

Mr. BRIGHT offered the following resolution, vas considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to: Resolved, That two Chaplains of different denominations appointed for the present session, one by each House, and interchange weekly between the two Houses. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

At twelve o'clock M. the Clerk (JOHN W. FOR NEY, Esq.) called the House to order, and said : This being the day fixed by the Constitution of the United States for the meeting of Congress, I will now proceed, with the consent of the House, to call the roll of mbers and delegates elect, and request that such as are present will be pleased to answer to their names.

The roll (as published in our paper of yesterday) wa thereupon called by States, when two hundred and seven teen Representatives and three Delegates responded to their names, the absentees (seventeen Representatives and one Delegate) being as follows :

Representatives .- Messrs. Soudder and Walley, of Mass. Smith, of New York; Caskie and Powell, of Va.; Seware of Ga.; Wright and Singleton, of Miss.; Jones, of La.; Hill, of Ky.; Campbell, of Tenn.; Norton, of Ill.; Stuart, of Ohio, Greenwood, of Ark.; Stuart, of Mich.; and Smythe and Bell, of Texas. Delegate .- Mr. Gallegos, of New Mexico

A quorum having been ascertained to be present Mr. OLDS moved that the House do now proceed vive oce to elect a Speaker for the present Congress; which

was agreed to. Mr. INGERSOLL, of Connecticut, Mr. CHANDLER, Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis, of Indiana, and Mr. Ewing, of Kentucky, were appointed tellers, and the vote was then taken, with the following result :

For Linn Boyd.—Messrs. Allen of Illinois, Ashe, Bailey of Georgia, Bayly, of Virginia, Banks, Barksdale, Barry, Belcher, Benton, Bissell, Bliss, Bocock, Breckenridge, Bridges, Bugg, Jaskie, Chamberlain, Chastain, Chrisman, Churchwell, Clark,

Cobb, Colquitt, Craige, Cumming, Curtis, Cutting, Davis of Indiana, Davis of R. L., Dawson, Dean, Dent, Diency, Dowdell, Drum, Dumbar, Dumbar, Dumbar, Dumbar, Dumbar, Batham, Eddy, Edgerton, Edmundson, Elliott, Ellions, Edit, Edit,

and Wright of Penn—143.

For Joseph R. Chandler.—Messrs. Appleton, Ball, Cook, Corwin. Crocker, Cullom, Dick, Dickinson, Edmonds, Everhart, Farley, Flagler, Franklin, Goodrich, Harlan of Ohio, Heister, Howe, Hunt, Knox, McCulloch, Middleswarth, Miller of Missouri, Norton, Parker, Pennington, Pringle, Ready, Ritchie of Pennsylvania, Russell, Sabin, Sage, Taylor of Ohio, Upham, Wentworth of Mass., and Yates—35. of Ohio, Upham, Wentworth of Mass., and Yates—35.

For Lewis D. Campbell.—Messrs. Benson, Carpenter, Chase, De Witt, Giddings, Matteson, Morgan, Sapp, Tracy, Washburne of Illinois, and Washburne of Maine—11.

For Prestey Ewing.—Messrs. Etheridge, Grey, Kerr, Preston, Puryear, Rogers, and Simmons.—7.

For Solomon G. Haven.—Messrs. Abererombie, Bennett, Chandler, Ewing, Stephens, of Georgia, and Reese.—6.

For James L. Orr.—Messrs. Aikin, Boyce, Brooks, and McQueen.—4.

For Wm. Preston.—Messrs. Cox, Haven, and Zollicoffer. For John G. Miller.—Messrs. Caruthers, Lindley, and Oliver

For Thomas M. Howe .- Messrs. Campbell, of Ohio, and

Ieacham.
For Wm. S. Ashe.—Mr. Clingman.
For John S. Millson.—Mr. Keitt.
For John C. Breckenridge.—Mr. Sollers.

The Hon. LINN Boyo, of Kentucky, having received a majority of the whole number of votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States for the Thirty-third Congress, and was conducted to the chair by Messrs. ORR and CHANDLER. The SPEAKER, on taking the Chair, addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: By the vote just given you have manifested a degree of respect and confidence for myself peculiarly gratifying to my feelings, and for it you have my sincere thanks. Confidently relying upon your kindly co-operation, without which it were vain to hope for success, and guided, as I trust I shall be, by a sleepless desire to maintain order and promote the harmony of this body by a faithful execution of its laws, I engage in the duties assigned me with no feeling to gratify inconsistent with the claims of impartial justice; no aim to accomplish inconsistent with the country's good.

Mr. Giddings, having served consecutively a longer period as a member of the House than any other of its present members, administered to the Speaker the oath support the Constitution of the United States.

The SPEAKER then administered a similar oath to all the members and delegates, by States and Territories, beginning with Maine and ending with Utah.

On motion of Mr. JONES, of Tennessee, a message was ent to the Senate informing that body that a quorum of the House had assembled, and had elected LINN BOYD, a Representative from the State of Kentucky, its Speaker for the present Congress.

A message was received from the Senate informing the House that a quorum of the Senate had assembled, and that they were ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. OLDS, a committee of three was appointed on the part of the House, to join such committee as might be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses had assembled, and were ready to receive any communication he might desire to

Messrs. Olds, Chandler, and Bayly, of Virginia, were appointed the committee on the part of the House. RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. MACE moved that the rules of the last House of Representatives be adopted as the rules of the present House, with the following amendment: No debate shall be had in the House in Committee of the

Whole on the state of the Union, or in Committee of the Whole House, but what is upon or germain to the subject under consideration, except in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union when the President's message is under consideration, at which time any latitude may be given to debate consistent with the decorum of the House, and no

be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union or the Committee of the Whole House, and be placed upon the calendar in its order without debate, unless otherwise or-dered by a vote of two-thirds of the House. Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, moved the following as a

substitute for the proposition of Mr. Mace:

Resolved, That the rules of the last House of Representatives be adopted as the rules of this House until otherwise orered: Provided, however, That there shall be appointed a committee of five members to revise said rules, which comittee shall have power to report at any time, and their report shall be acted upon by the House until disposed of, to the ex-clusion of all other business, any thing in the rules hereby temporarily adopted to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. MACE accepted the substitute of the gentleman

rom Ohio as a part of his own proposition, and remarked that it was his anxious desire to endeavor to place the rules of the House in such a condition as would enable them to transact the business of the country. In reference to his first amendment the order of things during the last Congress seemed to be this: After the expiration of the morning hour some gentleman would move to go into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union for the purpose, as was supposed, of transacting the business which occurred on the calendar; but the very moment they got into committee, instead of proceeding with business, the universal practice had been, under the lati-tude allowed to debate, to consume day after day by the de-livery of Buncombe speeches. Now, for one, he had enough of such speeches, and gentlemen would see that he had inserted in his amendment a provision which would enable the House to engage in that kind of debate whenever a majority of the House should be disposed to do so; for it provided that whenever the House should go into committee on the President's message, debate would be open for any and all subjects; but, unless the nessage was under consideration, his amendment would limit debate to the subject-matter before them, as they were confined under the rules in discussions in the House. Unless some such provision should be adopted, they would have the same kind of proceedings as they had during the last Congress.

In reference to the second proposition, he wished gen-

tlemen, especially those who were members of the last Congress, to give it their earnest attention. It would be embered that during the first session of that Congress, remembered that during the area seemed in calling the while they were engaged under the rules in calling the committees for reports, they progressed as far as the Committee on Public Lands, and had got no further at the adjournment of a session of nine months' duration. Up-wards of four hundred subjects had been referred to that committee, and under the rules a member thereof had wards of four hundred subjects had been referred to that committee, and under the rules a member thereof had nothing to do during the morning hour (the only time at which reports were received) but to report a bill, occupy the entire morning hour in discussing it, and, when the hour expired, move to recommit it, and there was an end of calling committees for that day, of course. In the amendment which he had submitted he had provided that if a bill should be reported from a committee which it was essential to act upon at once, two-thirds of the House could so order it; but unless this necessity should exist, the bill was to be placed on the calendar in its order, and be discussed in Committee of the Whole. And thus he thought he had fortified the House against that great abuse which existed during the last Congress. He was aware that during that Congress many gentlemen supposed aware that during that Congress many gentlemen supposed that the rules were efficient if properly administered; but as one member of that body he protested against such an opinion. He would say now to every gentleman who wished to legislate, who wished to transact the business of the country, who wished to pass affirmatively or nega-tively upon measures, that unless they adopted the amend-ment he had proposed little would be done. There was a class of men who believed that no legislation ought to be done, and to such there never was a set of rules better

and the result of the adoption of the amendment submit-ted by the gentleman from Indiana would be to preclude all debate upon general subjects except during the first ed in Committee of the Whole, and was read a third time eight or ten days of the session; for by it general debate and passed.

was only to be allowed when they were in committee on the President's message, which was usually referred in eight or ten down. The president of the presid

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adopt a resolution to restrict debate.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, did not rise to discuss the old rules of the House. He thought it was certainly evident to every gentleman that there were just grounds of complaint. The Speaker knew it, the House knew it, and the country also knew it; and this was the only period of the session at which they could provide against the difficulties existing in the rules. If the old rules the difficulties existing in the rules. If the old rules should be temporarily adopted without any provision looking to amendment, the very force of the rules themselves would be such as to prevent any modification or amendment. He proposed not to introduce amendments by detail now, but simply that this whole subject should be referred to a committee, with power to report at any time, the report, when made, to be acted upon to the exclusion of every thing else. clusion of every thing else.

The gentleman from Virginia had adverted to the fact

that the Democratic party had an overwhelming majority in the House. This was very true; and he wished that party to understand that this proposition to remedy the evils of the rules and to expedite the business of the country came from the Whig side of the House. And he wished them further to understand that although there were but few Whigs in the House, yet that they and the country would hold the large Democratic power here to a strict responsibility for their legislation. He wished them to understand that the Whigs came forward now with readiness and willingness to aid them in sweeping away the difficulties which had heretofore existed and away the difficulties which had heretofore existed, and did not intend that their opponents should go back to the country, if their legislation should not be correct, with worn-out excuse that the rules of the House were such as to prevent them from transacting the public business. In conclusion, he demanded the previous question;

which was seconded. Mr. GIDDINGS moved to lay the whole subject on the able; which motion was disagreed to. The question then being on the proposition of Mr MACE as modified by the addition of the resolution of Mr

Campbell—

A division of the question was asked, when a vote was first taken on the original motion of Mr. Mace, and it was not agreed to. The question then recurred on the resolution of Mr

CAMPBELL, and, being taken, it was decided in the affirm-

ELECTION OF CLERK.

On motion of Mr. STANTON, of Kentucky, the House then proceeded to the election of a Clerk for the present Congress, when the following nominations were made: By Mr. DEAN: John W. Forney, of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. WHEELER: R. M. Young, of Illinois. By Mr. CARPENTER: E. P. Smith, of New York. By Mr. WASHBURNE: Ebenezer Hutchinson, of Maine By Mr. BENNETT: P. B. Prindle, of New York.

Messrs. Dean, Wheeler, and Carpenter, of New York, and Mr. Washburne, of Maine, were appointed tellers, and the vote was then taken, with the following result: For Juo. W. Forney .- Messrs. J. C. Allen, of Illinois, Bailey, of Georgia, Bayly, of Virginia, Banks, Barksdale, Barry, Belcher, Bissell, Bliss, Boyd, Breckenridge, Bridges, Chamberlain, Chastain, Chrisman, Churchwell, Clark, Cobb, Colquitt, Craige, Curtis, Davis, of Indiana, Davis, of R. Island, quitt, Craige, Curtis, Davis, of Indiana, Davis, of R. Island, Dawson, Dean, Dent, Disney, Dowdell, Drum, Dunbar, Dunham, Eastman, Eddy, Edgerton, Elliott, Ellison, English, Faulkner, Fenton, Florence, Fuller, Gamble, Green, Grow, Hamilton, Harlan, of Indiana, Harris, of Alabama, Harris, of Mississippi, Hastings, Hendricks, Hibbard, Hillyer, Houston, Hughes, Ingensoil, Johnson, Jones, of New York, Kidwell, Kittredge, Kurtz, Lamb, Lane, Latham, Lilly, Lindsay, Macdonald, McDougal, McMullen, McNair, Maey, Maxwell, May, Mayall, Miller, of Indiana, Morrison, Muhlenberg, Murray, Nichols, Noble, Olds, Oliver, of New York, Orr, Packer, Peck, Peckham, Perkins, of New York, Perkins, of Louisiana, Phelps, Philips, Pratt, Richardson, Riddle, Ritchey, of Ohio, Robbins, Rowe, Ruffin, Seymour, Shannon, Shower, Smith, of Tenn., Smith, of Virginai, Snodgrass, Stanton, of Tenn. Robbins, Rowe, Ruffin, Seymour, Shannon, Shower, Smith, of Tenn., Smith, of Virginai, Snodgrass, Stanton, of Tenn., Stanton, of Kentucky, Stevens, of Michigan, Stratton, Straub, Stuart, of Michigan, Taylor, of New York, Thurston, Trout, Tweed, Vail, Vansant, Walker, Warren, Wells, Wentworth, of Illinois, Weetbrook, Witte, Wright, of Pennsylvania—121.

For R. M. Yous,—Messrs. Abercrombie, Ashe, Ball, Bentun, Cashic, Bitheridge, Goode, Harlan of Ohio, Keitt, Kerr, Knox, Letcher, Lyon, McQueen, Millson, Powell, Puryear, Reese, Rogers, Sapp, Shaw, Stephens of Georgia, Walsh, Wheeler, Yates, Zollicoffer, Bugg—27.

For P. B. Prindle,—Messrs, Bennett, Caruthers, Dick, Di

inson, Edmonds, Haven, Lindley, Miller of Missouri, Norton, Oliver of Missouri, Pennington, Preston, Ritchie of Pennsylvania, Sabin, Simmons, Tracy, Upham, Wentworth of Massa-

For E. Hutchinson .- Messrs, Campbell of Ohio, Chandler, Cook, Cullom, Everhart, Farley, Goodrich, Howe, Ready, Washburne of Illinois, Washburne of Maine, Benson-12. For E. P. Smith.—Messrs. Appleton, Carpenter, Chase, Flagler, Hiester, McCulloch, Matteson, Middleswarth, Pringle, sell-10.

For James C. Walker .- Messrs. Clingman, Corwin, Ewing Hunt, Parker, Taylor of Ohio—6.

For W. H. Bogart.—Messrs. Morgan and Sage.

For C. Brown.—Mr. Bocock.

For G. W. Mumford.—Mr. Edmundson.

For J. M. Barclay .- Mr. Meacham. JOHN W. FORNEY, having received a majority of the Merk of the House of Representatives for the present

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, 4c. Mr. STANTON, of Tennessee, offered the following plution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That A. J. GLOSSBRENNER be hereby appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, Zadock W. McKnew, Doorkeeper and J. M. Johnson Postmaster of the House of Representatives for the present Congress. SELECTION OF SEATS. On motion of Mr. McNAIR, a resolution was adopted

providing for the drawing of seats, when the members forthwith proceeded to select their desks—an occupation which consumed much time and caused no little

iven; after which-On motion of Mr. McMULLEN, it was ordered that the regular hour of meeting of the House be 12 o'clock M. unl otherwise directed. And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1853.

IN SENATE.

Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress are ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

tain citizens of Bremer county, Iowa, asking the estab-lishment of a new land office in that State; which was laid on the table.

Mr. PETIT submitted the following resolution for conideration, which lies over:

Resolved, That the Committee on Con to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at Michigan City, in the State of Indiana; and also of making

of the proposition of the gentleman from Indiana, particularly to the first part of it. In a Government like ours he thought that the greatest latitude of debate should be allowed which the convenient, though not hasty, dispatch of public business would permit. By their hour rule they had already restricted debate to some extent, and the result of the adoption of the amendment submitted by the gentleman from Indiana rould ment submitted to said State on her admission into the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the other House, but by some means had been lost sight of, and hence had failed to receive the approval of the President, and consequently had not be sent of the Speaker of Ment and State on her admission into the Union in 1816" having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the One in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night of last session. The bill had passed and been signed by the Speaker of the Union in 1816 "having been mislaid on the last night

NOTICES OF BILLS.

A bill to cede to the State of Ohio the unsold residue A bill to cede to the State of Ohio the unsold residue of the public lands within that State. A bill to encourage agriculture, commerce, and manu-factures, and other branches of industry, by granting to every head of a family, being a citizen, or having declared his intention to become a citizen, of the United States, a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of land out o the public domain, upon condition of occupancy and cul-tivation of the same for the period herein specified.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Mr. DODGE, of Iowa, from the committee appointe on the part of the Senate to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House was assembled, and that Congress was ready to re ceive any communication he might be pleased to make reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and that the President replied that he would immediately

make a communication to the two Houses of Congress.

The Message having been received by Mr. WEBSTER
the Secretary of the President, it was read in the Senate
On motion by Mr. HAMLIN, ordered that the usua number of the message and documents be printed, and that 10,000 copies of the message and accompanying do-cuments, in addition to the usual number, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Objection having been made, the resolution lies ov-

under the rule.
On motion by Mr. HAMLIN, the Senate proceeded the consideration of Executive business; and, after a short time spent therein, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Several additional members appeared to-day, were qualified, and took their seats in the House, viz. Mr. Hill, of Kentucky, Mr. Willis Allen, of Illinois, and Mr. Green-ber to ask. He therefore hoped that the gentleman would not persist in his amendment, but would allow the original to be adopted. wood, of Arkansas.

Mr. EASTMAN, by consent, introduced a joint rese lution for the relief of Alexander P. Field, late Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, and his sureties; which was

read three times and passed. CHAPLAINS Mr. ORR moved that the House take up and concur the resolution of the Senate for the election of chaplain to the two Houses.

Mr. JONES, of Tennessee, objected to the motion, lesired to know what was the regular order of business The SPEAKER stated that the regular order of busi ness was the call of the States for petitions.

Mr. JONES insisted, then, on the regular order. They hould start right by adhering to the rules, and then they

the rules or the members. Mr. ORR inquired if his motion was not a privilege The SPEAKER replied that the Chair knew of no order of the House or of any law of Congress which made chaplains officers of the House, and the motion of the

gentleman could not therefore be considered as a privi

could see whether the business would be obstructed by

leged one.

Mr. ORR thought that their election was a part of the organization of the House.
Mr. STEPHENS, of Georgia, wished to know if the The SPEAKER thought not; their election was gene

rally provided for by resolution.

Mr. WENTWORTH, of Illinois, inquired at what tim the resolution of the Senate on this subject could be

The SPEAKER replied that it was impossible for him determine.
Mr. WENTWORTH said that it would contribute greatly o the relief of members if this business should be dis

posed of. Some of the candidates were rather uneasy, and ne was anxious that the subject should be determined. He moved a suspension of the rules, so that an election might be had and the disappointed candidates be at liberty to apply for some other situation.

The SPEAKER stated that motions to suspend the rules were only in order on Mondays.

PETITIONS AND NOTICES OF BILLS. The States were then called for netitions when severa were presented, and laid on the table to be referred when

the committees shall have been appointed. At the same time the following notices for leave to introduce bills were given:
By Mr. LETCHER: A bill to change the time for holding the district courts of the United States in the western

district of Virginia, and for other purposes.

By Mr. DOWDELL: A bill granting land to the State of Alabama in aid of a railroad from Selma to Gadsden. By Mr. COBB: A bill to extend the time of payment of the duties on railroad iron, and for other purposes. Also, a bill to authorize the school commissioners o fractional township No. 1, range No. 10 east, in Alabama o locate one section of land for school purposes.

By Mr. WARREN: A bill donating a portion of the public lands to aid in the construction of the Mississippi, Duachita, and Red River railroad, in the State Arkansas By Mr. HENN: A bill to grant a homestead to settler n the public lands and to provide for the sale of the same

to actual settlers only.

Also, a bill to grant to the State of Iowa a quantity the public lands in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State.

By Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois: A bill for the further improvement of the Rock Island and Des Moines

Also, a bill providing for a grant of public lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from the city of Galena, in the State of Illinois, by the valley of the Tete de Mort, through the State of Iowa, to the Great Bend of the Missouri river, Minnesota Territory.

Also, a bill to improve the navigation of Galena rive Atlantic with those of the Pacific.

and the harbor of the city of Galena, Illinois. Jacob Brown, asking a pensio Also, a bill to complete the improvements of the harbo at Waukegan, Illinois.

Also, a bill to erect a lighthouse on the western shor Nathaniel Mothershead. The standing committees not having yet been formed, these memorials were laid on the table.

of Lake Michigan, at or near Port Clinton, Lake county Also, a bill for the relief of Mrs. Helen McKay, widow of the late Col. Eneas McKay, late deputy Quartermaster

General U. S. Army.

By Mr. WASHBURNE, of Maine: A bill in relation to nvalid pensions.

Also, a bill for making a grant of land to the State of Maine to aid in the construction of the European and North American Railway.

Also, a bill for shortening the transit of the mails be ween New York and London.

By Mr. MILLER, of Missouri: A bill to organize Ne oraska Territory.

By Mr. WENTWORTH, of Illinois: A bill extending he provisions of the pension laws to the surviving soldiers.

and their widows, engaged in the last war was tain and the Indian wars prior thereto.

By Mr. LINDLEY: A bill granting public lands for the construction of the "North Missouri" Railroad.

By Mr. GREY: A bill making a grant of public lands to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to aid in the construction. and their widows, engaged in the last war with Great Bri in the possession of his Department touching the accuracy of said boundary line.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Fish on Monday last, was considered and agreed to: to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to aid in the construction of railroads in that State, and for other purposes. Also, a bill making grants of public lands to all the

Also, a bill to provide for the unpaid claims of the officers and soldiers of the Virginia State and Continental By Mr. CHANDLER: A bill entitled "An act supple

mentary to an act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights," approved February 2, 1831.

Mr. OLDS, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House had assembled, and that Congres had organized and were ready to receive any communica

to Congress this day.

By Mr. CHANDLER presented the memorial of a comm ee of a convention of librarians, asking Congress to distribut portion of the public documents through the Smithsonia.

THANKS TO CAPT. INGRAHAM. Mr. DEAN asked leave to introduce the following join scalntion of thanks to Capt. Duncan N. Ingraham

mr. F. stated that he offered the resolution at this time believing that it would bring the subject before the

House and make it perfectly in order.

Mr. JONES, of Tennessee, said that being still of the opinion that there was no authority under the Constitution to employ chaplains of any denomination for the Go-vernment or for the House, and believing further that it was a burlesque upon the Christian religion for the House to elect chaplains, he would move to lay the reso-

lution on the table. The yeas and nays were ordered on this motion; but before they were taken—
The annual message of the President of the United

States was received and read to the House, which occupied an hour and ten minutes. Mr. FLORENCE moved that the message be referred to

the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union and printed; and that 20,000 extra copies of the message, with the accompanying documents, be also printed for the use of the House.

Mr. ORR moved to reduce the number of extra copies proposed to be printed to 15,000, which he said was the usual number. This was a cumbrous document, not usually read, and he thought the number of copies he had

moved would be amply sufficient.

Mr. HOUSTON suggested to the gentleman from South
Carolina that this was the beginning of a new Administration, and that the message and accompanying documents were intended to develop its policy. Under these circumstances, although he knew that only fifteen thousand excited was a pointed by the last Courses.

nal proposition to be adopted.

Mr. ORR replied that it was only of recent date that the number printed exceeded ten thousand copies. In his judgment, fifteen thousand copies was the greatest

Mr. PERKINS, of New York, believed the gentleman from South Carolina was mistaken in saying that the mes-sage would not generally be read. If it should be printed in pamphlet form and circulated among the co ents of the Representatives of his State, he was very certain it would be read. Mr. WENTWORTH moved to increase the number of

copies to thirty thousand, believing that such a number would be necessary to supply those who wished to read the message.

Further debate ensued, when the previous question was moved and seconded, and under its operation the amend-ments of Mr. One and Mr. Wentworth were severally

rejected. The motion of Mr. FLORENCE was then agreed to. The House again took up the resolution respecting the election of Chaplains, and the vote being taken on the motion of Mr. Jones of Tennessee, to lay the resolution on the table, it was decided in the negative—18 to 186. Georgia, were appointed tellers. The question then being on the adoption of the resolu-

Mr. HENDRICKS moved to amend it so as to elect the lection of chaplains was not provided for in the joint chaplains for the present Congress instead of the present session : which was not agreed to. Mr. HENN also moved to amend the resolution by add-

ing thereto the following proviso: Provided, That the compensation of said chaplains shall be deducted pro rata from the per diem compensation of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The amendment was rejected. The resolution was then agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1853.

And the House adjourned.

Mr. ARCHIBALD DIXON, from the State of Kentucky and Mr. ISAAC P. WALKER, from the State of

appeared in their seats to-day.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate laid before the body the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances; which, on motion of Mr. HUNTER, was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance when it shall be organized, and be printed, with ten thousand additional copies. Also, a letter from the Treasurer of the United States.

communicating copies of his accounts for the third and fourth quarters of 1852 and the first and second quarters of 1853, as adjusted by the accounting officers of the Treasury; which was read and ordered to lie on the Also, the first annual report of the Superintendent of

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED.

Mr. DODGE, of Wisconsin, submitted the following re-solution, the consideration of which lies over:

Resolved, That the Senate will proceed on —— to the ele

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Tuesday, was considered and agreed to:

was declared elected.

Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to

ELECTION OF CHAPLAIN.

ceeded to the election of a Chaplain; when, on the third ballot, the Rev. Henny SLICER was declared duly elected.

BILLS INTRODUCED

By Mr. GWIN: A bill to encourage agriculture, com-

On motion by Mr. JONES, of Iowa, the Senate

The following is a statement of the several ball

August, 1852.

Public Printing; which, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN, was ordered to lie on the table and be printed. MEMORIALS PRESENTED.

By Mr. GWIN: From E. R. Garrison and others, of the Oriental and Pacific Steam Navigation Company, asking that a mail route may be established between San For Lemuel Towers-Mr. Bennett.

For Roger H. Pryor-Mr. McQueen Francisco and China via the Sandwich Islands, setting Robert Armstrong having received a majority of the forth that the organization of the company, under an act of the Legislature of California, was to continue for fifty years, whole number of votes castgiving it a stability and efficiency in the control and man-agement of its capital and affairs, which could not be ob-tained by a mere association of individuals, (capital gress. \$10,000,000.) Ordered to lie on the table until the stand-

ing committees be appointed.

By Mr. DODGE, of Iowa: From T. R. Fauntleroy and others, officers of the army, asking increased compensa-

f the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of By Mr. JONES, of Iowa: The proceedings of a meetinances: which was ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means when said committee shall be ing of citizens of Washington county, Iowa, relative to appointed, and be printed; and the subject of printing the construction of a railroad to connect the waters of the ifteen thousand extra copies was also ordered to be referred to the Committee on Printing when said commit Also, from Pamela Brown, widow of the late Major Gen. shall be appointed. Also, additional documents in relation to the claim of

Also, a communication from the Treasurer of the United States transmitting copies of his accounts for the third and fourth quarters of 1852, and the first and second quarters of 1853, as adjusted by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department; which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

MESSENGER TO THE SPEAKER. Mr. OLDS, by consent, offered the following reso

Resolved. That of the number of messengers now allowed by the House, the Speaker be authorized to appoint one, to be known as the Speaker's messenger, and that he be allow-ed a compensation not exceeding four dollars per diem.

Mr. O. remarked that the President of the Senate had not only one messenger and a page, but was also allowed a clerk; while the Speaker of the House, who had far more business to transact, was allowed neither a clerk, messenger, nor page. The House no doubt would see the propriety of the resolution, and he hoped that it would now be advented. On motion of Mr. DODGE, of Iowa,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to furnish a copy of the items of expenditure allowed at different times for the survey and marking of the northern boundary line of the State of Iowa, together with any information would now be adopted.

Mr. BAYLY, of Virginia, moved to amend the resolu tion by adding thereto a clause providing that the House shall hereafter elect the Librarian to the House. He remarked that this officer was now an appointee of the Clerk. In his opinion the duties of librarian had no Resolved, That a select committee of five be appointed to ousider the causes and the extent of the sickness and morconsider the causes and the extent of the sickness and mor-tality prevailing on board of omigrant ships on the voyage to this country; and whether any and what further legislation is needed for the better protection of the health and lives of passengers on board of such vessels. connexion whatever with the clerkship. They pertained ality prevailing on board of emigrant snips on the voyage to his country; and whether any and what further legislation as needed for the better protection of the health and lives of the same of such vessels.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. CLAYTON on and if there was any officer more than another who ought. to be directly under its control it was the librarian. was the person who looked up documents for the mem-bers, and those gentlemen who took any active part in the business of the House had constant intercourse with him. The House was the best judge of a person fit for present to the Senate the plan referred to in his message to Congress this day, and which he is prepared to recommend, for the enlargement and modification of the present judicial system of the United States. this place, and should have the direct, not the indirect

control of him. Mr. DEAN raised the question that the amendment was

PETITIONS AND NOTICES OF BILLS.

The SPEAKER then called the States for petitions, when several were presented and the following notices

by the General Government.

By Mr. MAXWELL: A bill to indemnify the State of

Florida for expenses in protecting her frontier citizens against the Seminole Indians.

Also, a bill to grant to the State of Florida alternate ections of the public lands for a railroad between the

Also, a bill to grant to the States of Florida and Ala-

Also, a bill to refund to the State of California the ex penses incurred in suppressing Indian aggressions in that

A bill to authorize and direct the payment of certain moneys into the treasury of the State of California, which were collected in the ports of said State as revenue upon imports since the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, and

prior to the admission of said State into the Union. All of which were severally read by their titles and oassed to a second reading.

Mr. GWIN moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution from the House of Re-presentatives for the relief of Alexander P. Field, late Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, and his sureties. He Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, and his sureties, alluded to the unanimity with which this resolution been passed at the last session by both branches, but by some means had failed to become a law. Under the circumstances he hoped the Senate would, by general con-

Mr. FLORENCE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, (the Senate concurring,) That two Chaplains be elected, one by the Senate and the other by the House of Representatives, and that they officiate alternately during the present session of Congress.

Circumstances he noped the Senate would, by general consent, agree to take it up and pass it.

The motion having been agreed to, the subject was considered in Committee of the Whole, and after having been present session of Congress. third time and passed.

NOTICES OF BILLS. Mr. SLIDELL gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill granting to the State of Louisiana the right of way and a denation of public land for the purpose of locating and constructing a railroad from Shreveport to the Mississippi river, in said State.

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Also, a bill granting to the State of Louisiana the right of way and a donation of public land for the purpose of locating and constructing a railroad from Algiers on the Mississippi river, to the Sabine river, in said State.

Mr. BRIGHT. Mr. President, I give notice that on tomorrow, or some subsequent day, I will move to amend the standing rules of this body so as to change the number of members for still thing certain standing committees.

over of members constituting certain standing committees.

Mr. BENJAMIN gave notice that he would ask leave to introduce an act granting to the State of Louisiana the right of way and a donation of public land for the pur-pose of constructing a railroad from New Orleans to the State line of Mississippi, in the direction of the town of

Jackson.

Mr. JOHNSON gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to grant to the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Missouri the right of way and alternate sections of the public lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from Shreveport, in Louisiana, via Washington, Fort Smith, and Van Buren, in Arkansas, and by Springfield and Independence, to St. Joseph, in Missouri.
On motion by Mr. JONES, of Iowa, the Senate ad-

journed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. SEWARD, of Georgia, appeared to-day, was qualified, nd took his seat in the Hou The SPEAKER stated that the first business in order as the call of the States for petitions.

PUBLIC PRINTER.

Mr. HIBBARD, rising to a privileged question, stated that he desired to submit the resolution offered by him-self yesterday relative to the election of a public printer, which, as it pertained to the organization of the House, he believed took precedence of all other business. He therefore offered the following resolution, upon the adoption of which he demanded the previous question:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a public printer for the House of Representatives for the pro-

The previous question was seconded, and under the one-The previous question was seconded, and under the operation thereof the resolution was adopted.

The House thereupon proceeded to fulfil the order just passed, and nominations for Printer having been made—Messrs. Наванд, of New Hampshire, Снандые, of Pennsylvania, Вососк, of Virginia, and Stephens, of

The vote was then taken, with the following result: For Robert Armstrong.—Messrs. Aiken, Willis Allen of Il-linois, Ashe, Bailey of Georgia, Banks, Barksdale, Barry, Belcher, Bissell, Bliss, Bocock, Boyd, Breckenridge, Bridges, Chamberlain, Chastain, Chrisman, Churchwell, Clark, Clingman, Cobb, Colquitt, Craige, Cumming, Curtis, Davis of Indiana, Davis of Rhode Island, Dawson, Dean, Dent, Disney, Dowdell, Dunbar, Dunham, Eddy, Edgerton, Elliott, Ellison, Faulkner, Fenton, Florence, Fuller, Gamble, Green, Greenwood, Grow, Hamilton, Harlan of Indiana, Harris of Alabawood, Grow, Hamilton, Harlan of Indiana, Harris of Alabama, Harris of Mississippi, Hastings, Hendricks, Henn, Hibbard, Hillyer, Houston, Hughes, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones of New York, Jones of Tennessee, Kidwell, Kittredge, Kurts, Lamb, Lane, Latham, Lilly, Lindsay, Macdonald, McDougal, McMullen, McNair, Mace, Macy, Maxwell, May, Mayall, Miller of Indiana, Millen, Morrison, Murray, Nichola, Noble, Olds, Orr, Packer of Pennsylvania, Perkins of New York, Perkins of Louisiana, Phelps, Philips, Pratt, Richardson, Riddle, Richey of Ohio, Robbins, Rowe, Ruffin, Seward, Seymour, Shannon, Shaw, Shower, Skelton, Smith of Tennessee, Smith of Virginia, Smith of Alabama, Snodgrass, Stanton of Tennessee, Stanton of Kentucky, Stevens of Michigan, Stratton, Straub, Stuart of Ohio, Stuart of Michigan, Taylor of New York, Thurston, Trout, Vail, Vansant, Walbridge, Walker, Warren, Wentworth of Illinois, Westbrook, Wright, of Pennsylvania—126.

sylvania-126 For Gales & Seaton-Messrs. Abererombie, Appleton, Ball, Benson, Bugg, Carpenter, Carutners, Chander, Chase, Cook, Corwin, Cox, Crocker, Cullom, Dick, Dickinson, Etheridge, Everhart, Ewing, Farley, Flagler, Franklin, Goodrich, Grey, Harlan of Ohio, Haven, Hiester, Hill, Howe, Hunt, Kerr, Knox, Lindley, McCulloch, Matteson, Meacham, Middleswarth, Miller of Missouri, Morgan, Norton, Oliver, of Mo., Parker Miller of Missouri, Morgan, Norton, Oliver, of Mo., Parker of Indiana, Pennington, Preston, Pringle, Puryear, Ready, Reese, Ritchie of Pennsylvania, Rogers, Russell, Sabin, Sage, Sap, Simmons, Stephens of Georgia, Taylor of Ohio, Tracy, Upham, Washburne of Illinois, Washburn of Maine, Wentworth of Massachusetts, Yates, Zollicoffer—64.

For Beverley Tucker—Mossrs. Bayly of Virginia, Boyce, Brooks, Caskie, Cutting, Eastman, Edmundson, Goode, Letcher, Lyon, Maurice, Oliver of New York, Peck, Peckham, Powell, Tweed, Walsh, Wells, Wheeler, Witte—20.

For Gamaliel Bailey—Messrs. De Witt, Giddings, Wade.

For John C. Rives—Mr. English.

For Horace Greeley—Mr. Campbell of Ohio.

For Horace Greeley-Mr. Campbell of Ohio. For Gideon & Co.-Mr. Benton.

The SPEAKER declared him duly elected public priner for the House of Representatives for the present Con

COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SPEAKER'S TABLE.

On the suggestion of Mr. HOUSTON—
The SPEAKER haid before the House the annual repor

of a public printer to do the public printing for the thirty-third Congress, in accordance with the eighth section of the "Act to provide for executing the public printing and establishing the prices thereof, and for other purposes," approved the 26th

ot in order, not being germain to the subject under e sideration.

The SPEAKER so decided, and ruled the amendment out of order.

The resolution of Mr. Olds was then adopted.

1st ballot.—Whole number of votes given 39: of which Mr. Slicer received 18, Mr. Wm. Hodges 13, Mr. Tustin 3, Mr. H. S. Chapin 3, Mr. Henry Ward Beecher 2.

2d ballot.—Whole number of votes given 43: of which the Rev. Mr. Slicer received 21, Mr. Hodges 18, Mr. Beecher 2, when several were presented and the lonowing notices of leave to introduce bills given:

By Mr. DAVIS, of Indiana: A bill surrendering to the State of Indiana \$210,000 of the bonds of said State held Mr. Tustin 1, blank 1.

3d ballot.—Whole number of votes 43: of which Mr. Slicer
received 23, Mr. Hodges 19, Mr. Tustin 1.

Mr. SLICER, having received the necessary majority,

waters of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

bama alternate sections of the public lands to aid in the

was only to be allowed when they were in committee on the President's message, which was usually referred in eight or ten days. Thus, after the reference of the message, with a long session of Congress before them, no general debate could ever arise in the House. For himself, he thought that the practice of general debate in

States to aid in the construction of railroads, and fo other purposes.

tion which he might be pleased to make, reported that they had performed that duty, and that the President informed them he should make his annual communication

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE. On motion of Mr. RICHARDSON, it was Resolved, That the Speaker be sutherized to appoint the